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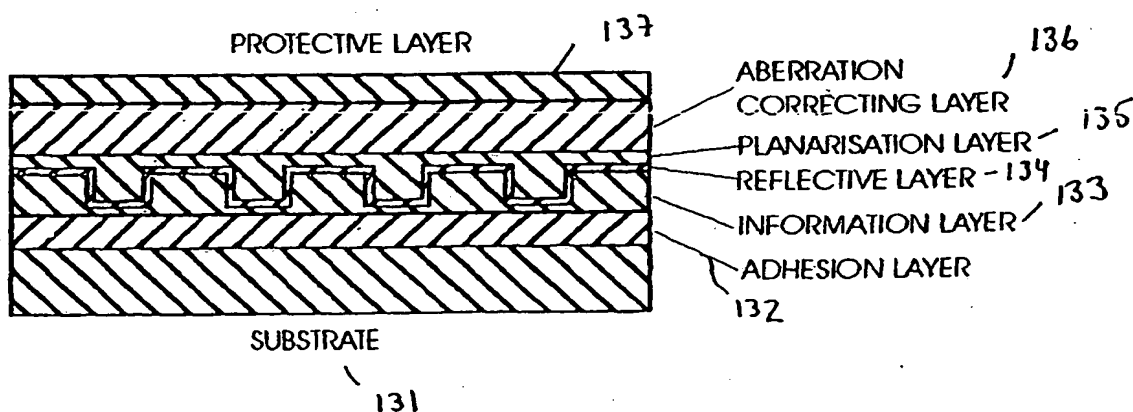
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(57) Abstract: A optical storage medium is provided, comprising a main substrate, an information surface being associated with the main substrate, and at least one compensating layer. The compensating layer may change a phase and/or amplitude of a propagating electromagnetic wavefront according to a first optical transfer function so that the optical storage medium may be read or recorded by a detector/emitter being pre-set to read or record information at an information surface through a medium changing the phase and/or amplitude of a propagating wavefront according to a predetermined optical transfer function being different from the first optical transfer function. The compensating layer may optically reduce a spot size of a light beam incident on the information surface, and/or compensate for aberrations caused by a first distance being different from a predetermined distance. The substrate may be non-transparent and/or thinner than standard substrates. Methods of making such media are also provided.

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